

Intergovernmental now...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...to reimburse for half of those expenses and now you're asking us to put it under the Executive Board of the Legislature and have them make that decision, and then I guess another consideration for voting for the Chairman of the Executive Board would have to be, in my mind, will they be more inclined like yourself, obviously you are, to reimburse for those expenses that I believe are legitimate expenses.

SENATOR HALL: Clearly, and I think I said that in my opening, that it is something that would have to be addressed. The other way it could be dealt with, Senator Witek, is through policy by the adoption of the board. I don't think, I can't remember any time someone has appealed a decision by the travel committee that I have denied it. Now that may not be quite accurate, but I can't...one does not come to mind and because I believe that if people can show good cause, they ought be allowed to attend those meetings if they are of interest to...

SENATOR WITEK: I have no control over who my district elects to the Executive Board, Senator. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Lindsay wishes to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature this morning, Alice Lindsay from Omaha, Senator Lindsay's sister is here sitting in the south balcony. Will you please stand and be recognized. Welcome. Senator Withem, to speak to the Avery amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I would oppose the Avery amendment and I'll get into a number of reasons as to why I do, but I'd like to ask Senator Avery a question if he'd respond.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: I will try.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator, and this is not a, you know, specific factual sort of thing, just a question as to your view. Do you think that the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee should have greater standing in our statutes than, pick one at random, the Judiciary Committee?